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SUBJ: EDITORIALS " RAND DAILY MAIL", "PRETORIA NEWS"

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1. "RAND DAILY MAIL" ARTICLE AUGUST 9, ENTITLED "JO'BURG LEADERS ATTACK SA 'HYSTERIA' OVER US," QUOTES FORMER IV GRANTEES RAM SALOJEE AND ALBERTUS POP. FULL TEXT FOLLOWS;  
" JOHANNESBURG INDIAN AND COLORED COMMUNITIES CRITICISED THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IN A JOINT STATEMENT YESTERDAY FOR ITS " HYSTERICAL AND INTEMPERATE" REACTION TO AMERICA'S STAND AGAINST APARTHEID THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LENASIA MANAGEMENT OF COMMITTEE DR. R.A.M. SALOJEE, AND AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE JOHANNESBURG COLORED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MR. ALBERTUS POP, SAID THAT AS COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO HAD HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO TRAVEL TO THE US AS QUESTS OF THAT COUNTRY, " WE PLACE ON RECORD OUR OPPOSITION AND PASS CENSURE ON THE NATIONAL PARTY.

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WE BELIEVE THE USA COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID EXPRESS THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE BLACK DIS-ENFRANCHISED POPULATION OF OUR LAND. THE USA, UNLIKE SOUTH AFRICA, HAS SIGNED THE DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND GIVEN UNRESERVED SUPPORT TO THE HELSINKI ACCORD ON THIS SCORE.

' FURTHER, THE USA HAS EXPUNGED FROM ITS LEGISLATIVE RECORD ALL LAWS THAT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE AND COLOR', THE

STATEMENT ADDED.

IT IS INCONCEIVABLE THAT A GOVERNMENT WHICH OBSTRUCTS THE  
LEGITIMATE EXPECTATIONS OF TWO-THIRDS OF ITS PEOPLE ACCUSES OTHERS  
OF DOUBLE STANDARDS.

WE UNHESITANTLY AND FIRMLY SUPPORT THE STAND TAKEN BY THE US  
ON APARTHEID AND THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH AFRICA.  
WE URGE THE USA TO SHOW ITS URGENCY AND BRING INTO EFFECT  
RELEVANT RESOURCES TO HELP BRING TO AN END A SYSTEM WHICH OFFENDS  
THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF THE MAJORITY."

2. LEAD EDITORIAL AUGUST 8 "PRETORIA NEWS" CONDEMNS VORSTER'S  
ATTITUDE TOWARD US POLICY AND TELLS HIM " NO AMOUNT OF APPEALING"  
TO AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION WILL HELP. FULL TEXT FOLLOWS:

" CARTER- OUR ALLY AGAINST MARXISM"

" CUSHIONED BY THE LOW-KEY, SOFTLY-SOFTLY POLICIES OF TWO  
PREVIOUS REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATIONS, SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE NOT HAD  
TO FEEL THE FULL FORCE OF AMERICAN REPUNGANCE FOR THE RACIALLY  
DISCRIMINATORY ELEMENTS OF APARTHEID POLICIES.

IT'S DIFFERENT TODAY.

FAR FROM SHIELDING US FROM THE ANGRY GLARE AND MILITANT  
DEMAND, PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER IS WILLING TO LEAD THE WAY IN  
DEMANDING MORE RAPID CHANGE

IT IS ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH HIS POLICY OF STANDING UP AND  
BEING COUNTED IN AN ESSENTIALLY UNJUST WORLD ON THE ISSUE OF  
ENSURING HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL. BUT IT ISN'T SOMETHING NEW.

AND SOUTH AFRICANS SHOULD BE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE  
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FACT THAT MR. CARTER ENJOYS THE SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY OF  
AMERICANS IN HIS STAND. HE ALSO HAS AT LEAST THREE MORE YEARS  
IN POWER. NO AMOUNT OF APPEALING TO AMERICANS OVER THE HEAD OF  
THEIR PRESIDENT WILL EASE THE PRESSURE UNLESS STEPS ARE ACTUALLY  
TAKEN TO ERADICATE THOSE ELEMENTS OF OUR POLICIES WHICH HAVE  
ALREADY MADE US AN UNTOUCHABLE IN THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS  
FURTHERMORE. SOUTH AFRICANS SHOULD REALIZE THAT AMERICA IS  
PREPARED TO DO MORE THAN CRITICIZE; IT IS PREPARED TO TAKE CONCRETE  
ACTION TO REINFORCE ITS VIEWS- REGARDLESS OF TRADITIONAL ALLI-  
ANCES;

NOR IS SUCH A DETERMINATION AIMED COLD-BLOODEDLY AT PLEASING  
BLACK VOTERS IN AMERICA OR THE THIRD WORLD. IT IS BECAUSE AMERICANS  
BELIEVE APARTHEID TO BE A REPRESSIVE SYSTEM.

IT DOES NOT HELP FOR MR. VORSTER TO LIKE ( AS HE DID ON FRIDAY)  
AMERICAN AIMS WITH MARXIST AIMS, SAYING THAT THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS  
THAT AMERICA PLANS TO ACHIEVE THEM BY " STRANGULATION BY FINESSE"  
WHILE MARXIST PLAN TO USE " BRUTE FORCE."

THE REVERSE IS TRUE. AMERICAN POLICY IS AIMED AT ERADICATING THOSE  
VERY ELEMENTS OF INJUSTICE AND OPPRESSION ON WHICH MARXISM FEEDS.  
MR. VORSTER AND HIS GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE LISTENING TO THE ADVICE OF  
MR. CARTER AS ADVICE FROM A FRIEND. BETTER STILL, THEY SHOULD BE  
DOING SOMETHING TO RESTORE THE FAITH OF AMERICANS IN THAT FRIENDSHIP.

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